

Docket No. 006340/00006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

OFFICIAL**APPLICANT:** Nagahara**EXAMINER:** Hsieh**SERIAL NO.:** 10/685,133**ART UNIT:** 2837**RECEIVED
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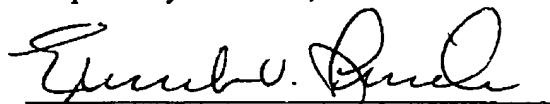
Sir:

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated 06 May 2004, please amend the claims as shown herein. Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2. Remarks begin on Page 6.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so. Thus the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned, collect, at the number shown.

Respectfully submitted,



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